REMARKS

In the final Office Action of December 1, 2005, Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Adelman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,006,259). Claims 5-8 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adelman et al. in view of Hoke et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,701,437).

In response, applicant files concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant has also amended Claim 5 to more clearly distinguish the present invention from Adelman et al. Further, applicant provides the following comments in support of a first Office Action allowance. Applicant has again reviewed the Adelman patent and finds no mention of any type of mapping table or look up table or database that would correlate tunnel servers to incoming requested sessions. The Examiner is asked to identify with specificity where in Adelman such a feature/limitation is presented.
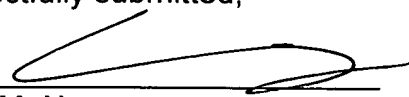
Indeed, the system of Adelman teaches away from the use of a mapping table. Instead, a filtering system is implemented that has each tunnel server analyze every packet that is on the network. The tunnel server than only processes packets that are associated with that tunnel server. Arguably, the filter system could be construed to be a map of the tunnel server to its own packets. However, Claim 5 as amended, now requires that the mapping table contain information on all of the sessions, not just the ones for a particular tunnel server.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 248588010US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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